

Associated Press Writer
 AP - An exiled
 Castro army offi-
 cial yesterday that Sirhan
 was an accused assassin of
 John F. Kennedy, told
 Kennedy's death,
 he was in the United
 States as another Fidel Castro."
 Duarte told a news conference
 the incident occurred about
 three weeks ago in a house at
 Hollywood, Calif.

In Hollywood a man identified
 by Duarte as host on this oc-
 casion, Robert Laemmle, denied
 there was any scuffle. He de-
 nied that anyone he could re-
 cognize from subsequent news
 photos as Sirhan was present.
 He denied also Duarte's claim
 there was a Castro photo on the
 wall.

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Duarte said the man he fought
 with told him he was an Arab.

He said what we Cuban ex-
 pats are doing is just what the
 Israelites are doing and that we
 are getting the same help from
 the CIA that Israel is getting,"
 Duarte said.

The scuffling began, Duarte
 said, when he accused me of
 being an agent of the CIA.

Duarte said: He made some
 derogatory remarks about Cuba
 and about me and we came to
 grips. Somebody separated us.
 He left.

The exile, who said he has
 been living in Los Angeles, said
 pictures of Castro and of the
 slain communist guerrilla lead-
 er Che Guevara and slogans
 critical of the Vietnam war an
 the Johnson administration
 were posted on the walls of the
 house where he met Sirhan.

Duarte said he and about 15
 Cuban companions attended the
 meeting after seeing leaflets ad-
 vertising an exhibition of photo-
 graphic slides taken in Cuba.

Duarte said he objected to
 some of the descriptions given
 to the slides and demanded to
 be heard. He said he was given
 permission but was interrupted
 and the scuffling ensued.

Duarte said all
 ensued.

In Hollywood Laemmle called
 the scuffling claim false and
 said: "There was no scuffling,
 nobody came to grips, nobody
 had to separate anybody."

Laemmle, 32, and his father
 were partners in the pro-
 duction of low movie theaters
 and distant relatives, the
 sons of the late film producer
 Carl Laemmle.

He said the occasion was a
 regular biweekly meeting in his
 living room of a Peace and
 Freedom Party neighborhood
 club of which he is treasurer.
 About 20 members attended, he
 said, giving this account:

Duarte showed up outside
 with 10 or 20 men, all anti-Cas-
 tro Cubans, I assume, like their
 leader. They were husky and
 young, some in leather jackets,
 some well dressed, and well be-
 haved. He invited them to come
 in. There were absolutely no
 lights of any kind.

There was verbal discussion
 which this type of meeting is
 intended to encourage, followed
 by coffee and cookies.

The speaker was a young
 man I understand is with the
 Students for a Democratic So-
 ciety, from San Francisco, who
 had made a trip to Cuba with
 60 or 70 others in that group.

He made a presentation of
 about 20 slides he had taken in
 Cuba. One Cuban was Duarte
 attacked one of his comments
 verbally. Duarte told the Cuban
 in Spanish to be quiet and let
 the speaker have his turn.

My impression of Duarte was
 that he was a hothead. He asked
 permission to make a rebuttal.
 A vote was taken, and after the
 young man showed his slides,
 Duarte made his rebuttal.

Laemmle called Duarte's des-
 cription of wall decorations
 lies also" and said:

There is a poster of Guevara
 but none of Castro. There is one
 poster showing a mother and
 child with the word 'Peace' and
 another that says: 'War is not
 healthy for children, flowers
 and other living things.' We
 took down a picture of John F.
 Kennedy so we could project
 the slides on the blank wall."
 Laemmle said he didn't recall
 anyone saying the United States
 needs another Fidel Castro. His
 father, also present at the meet-
 ing, said that like the son he was
 was Sirhan.

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